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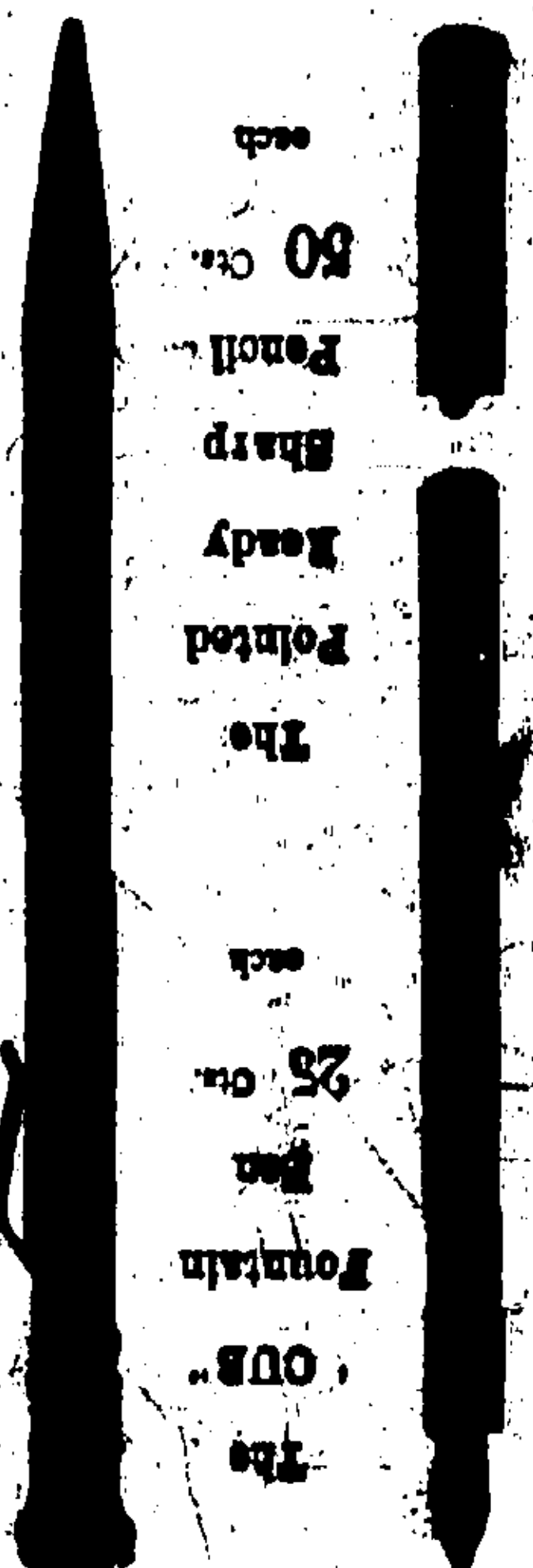


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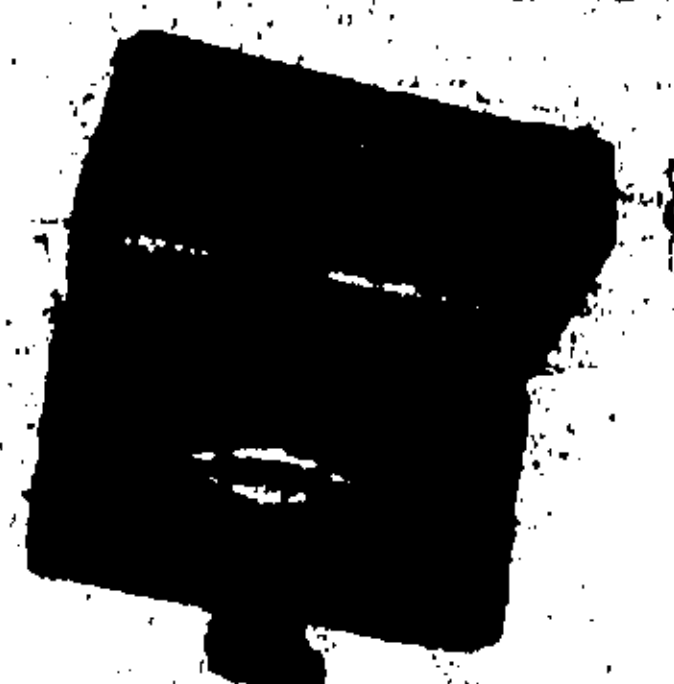
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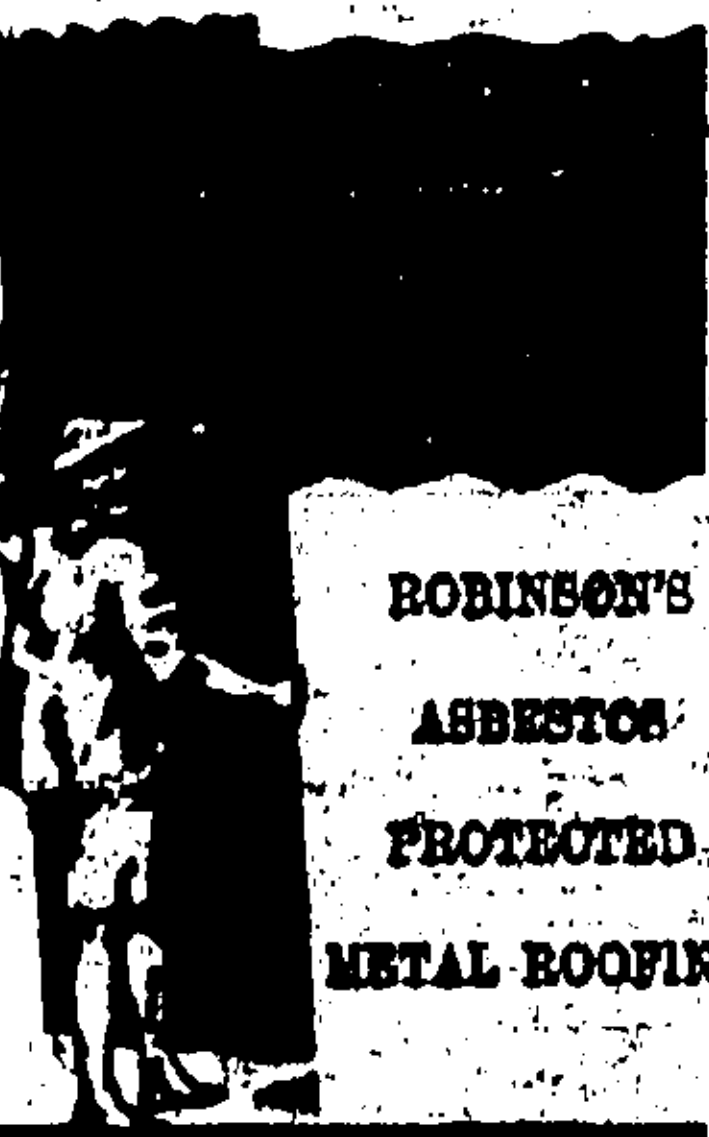
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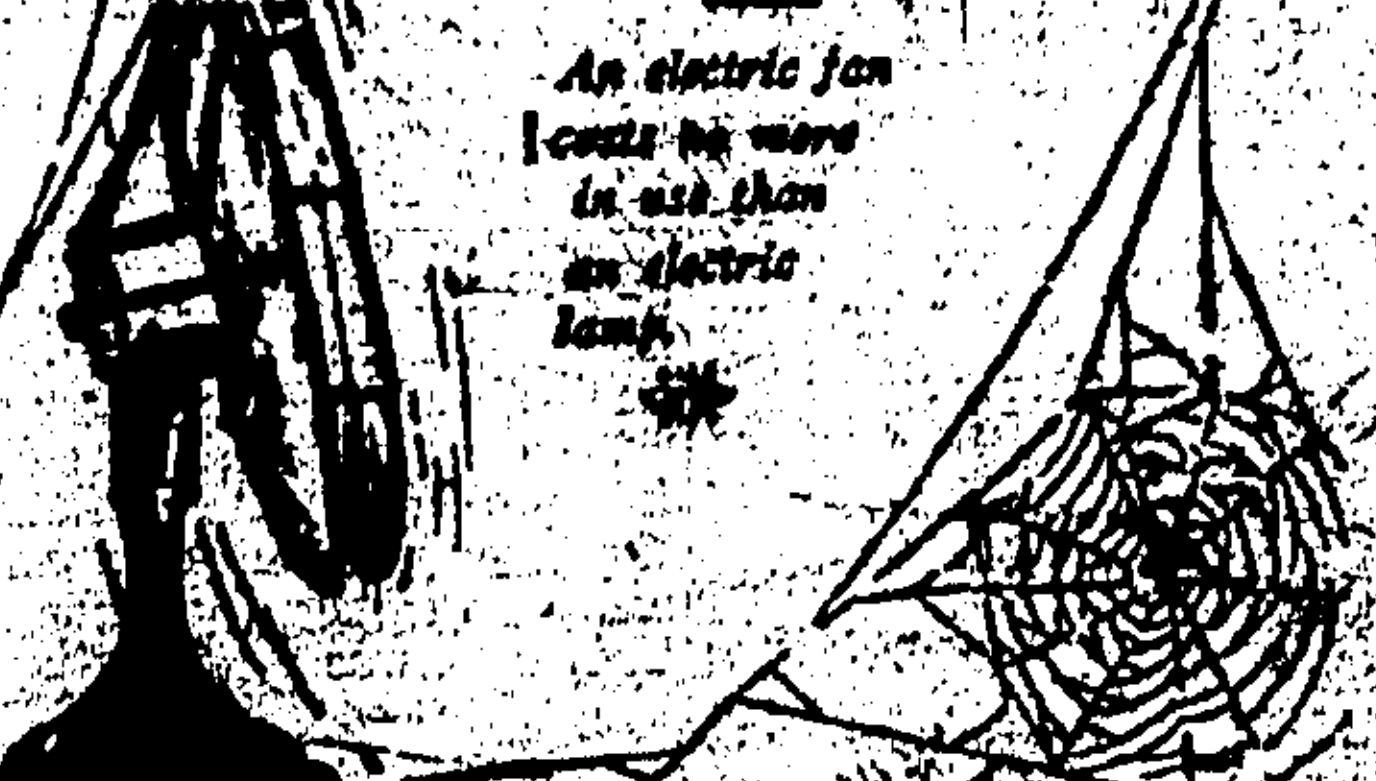
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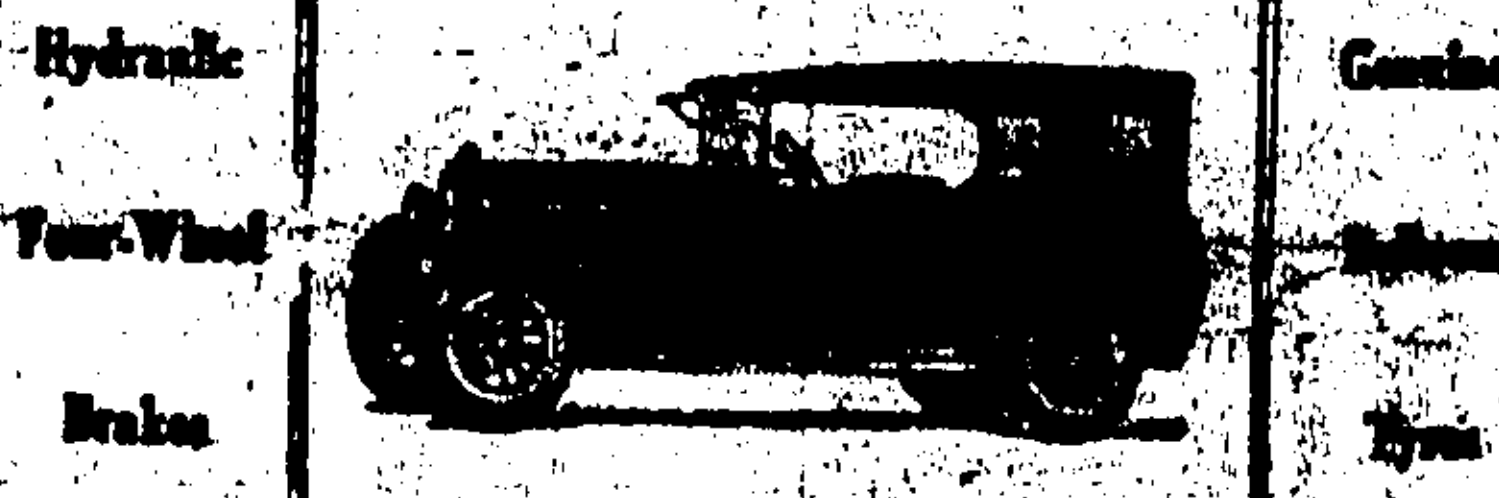
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## STRIKE ITEMS

Shanghai, June 27  
Fifty representatives of the students' unions throughout the countryside met at Chapei on June 26 and passed resolutions which, inter alia, urged the Canton Government to send troops to occupy Shamen.

Eighty per cent. of the shops opened to-day, the closed ones apparently having been made bankrupt through the strike.

The situation was very quiet this morning but the shipping position had not improved. The strike is causing heavy losses to the customs revenue as well as hitting British and Japanese food supplies are running short.

A message from Amoy states that student demonstrations in the International Settlement are making the situation more acute. The Chinese Naval Authorities at present control the Settlement, but up to the present they have proved inefficient.

A British sloop and Japanese and American destroyers have arrived in Amoy.

Advices from Hoihow state that the foreign women and children have evacuated the port.

A message from Ningpo states that the Russian and Japanese customs employees have left for Shanghai.

Other centres are quiet.

Advices from Tientsin state that the chief feature of the Dragon Festival Day has been the distribution of Chinese pamphlets in native city captioned "Don't Riot" stating, inter alia, "the present ill-treatment of Chinese by the British is a result of the Boxer Rising; we therefore must be most careful this time."

A message from Peking states that the powers have individually acknowledged the receipt of the Chinese note regarding unequal treaties.

There is no comment made on this.

Shanghai, June 27.  
The French police have been informed that the communists will attempt to urge the international municipal Chinese police to mutiny. The Authorities have full confidence in their loyalty.

There were numerous stone throwings during the day. The police dispersed the crowds on a number of occasions. Passengers by tramcar were stoned.

Five Japanese sailors in a motor car were stoned by a crowd which was very hostile. The police rescued them.

A Chinese policeman had a bowl of red fluid flung into his face. He arrested his assailant, who was in turn rescued by the crowd. The policeman has been taken to hospital.

British bluejackets unloaded the Empress of Canada. If no coolies are available they will unload the P. and O. Mantua which is due on

## SHIPPING POSITION

With the aid of large numbers of coolies placed at their disposal the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock are carrying on very much as usual. The coolies are escorted by armed guards.

It is not anticipated that difficulty will be encountered in the unloading and loading of the s.s. Katori Maru which is to arrive today from the Straits.

The defection of launchmen led to a temporary hold-up but Europeans and a number of Chinese volunteers are manning them and maintaining sufficient service. Enquiries at the Taikoo Dock elicited the cheery response "quite unaffected, work going on as usual."

The whole of the launch crews of Jardine, Matheson's and Butterfield and Swire have been affected but an efficient service is being maintained by Europeans. No further ships of these companies have been "cleared" this week-end.

## ADMIRAL LINE

## PRESIDENT JEFFERSON.

Owing to the strike conditions the President Jefferson sailing from Hongkong to Manila on June 30th is cancelled. This vessel, however, will call at Hongkong on her homeward voyage, sailing from Manila on July 3rd arriving here on July 5th and sailing for Yokohama and Seattle via Shanghai, Kobe, and Yokohama at 5:00 p.m. July 7th.

## LOST.

Turtle shell came in Repulse Bay. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to owner. Room 42, Kowloon Hotel.

## MOTOR ACCIDENT

A Chinese owned car dropped down an embankment a distance of thirty feet on Saturday afternoon and the driver was thrown head first and received injuries which resulted in his death in hospital last night.

The accident occurred at Sassoon Road as the car was being driven down the drive of "Holmville" where the driver is said to have been visiting a friend.

The car turned somersault and landed with its wheels in the air.

## WEEK TO WEEK

There are roses blooming on my balcony—twenty-four hours from London; and at the foot of the hills, beyond the avenue of palms on to which it faces, almond and peach blossom glow in a rosy mist, against a background of olives and dark slender cypresses, writes Ethel E. Mann in the London Evening News. From this big room, with its two French windows and its sunny balcony, I can see, besides my avenue of palms and my valley of blossom and cypresses, minuscule trees in full bloom, and the road to Toulon.

Every half hour an absurd sort of tram comes clanging in from that city of date palms and soldiers; every morning and at sun-down peasant women in striped skirts, and with scales in one hand and a basket in the other, pass under my balcony with a weird wailing cry which, I have discovered, denotes that they have for sale the prickly shell-fish which at British seaside places the children call "sea-urchins." And along this road, too, go the carts from the violet fields, laden with baskets of the lovely blossoms that grow so well in the sun-soaked Provence, and that presently will nestle in the fans of smart Parisiennes and perch, perhaps, for a few brief hours, upon some lady's white shoulder. Nuns go along this road, dark figures in the vivid sunlight, and priests, and always one sees the blue-grey of the police, at foot and on horse-back.

The houses that face my balcony are white, with bright green shutters; a good background for the palms and the poster-blue sky. The air is warm and drowsy with the noon-day heat, and there hangs upon it the pungent smell of eucalyptus which drifts slowly through the sun, and the little tables on the sunny pavements outside the cafes are all full; visitors, British and American, and workgirls and men chattering and laughing together with a supreme lack of self-consciousness, and drinking the best black coffee in the world, while permitting their eyes to kiss each other over the cups, as only the French know how.



Owner (to Chauffeur): "You are discharged on the spot!"  
Buen Humor, Madrid.

"Bart" Bartholomew, considered one of the premier cue artists in the Philippines to-day, has been matched with M. Jenks, whose admirers claim is every bit equal to Bart, if not better, in a 1,000 point pool match. The match will be played in a series of five blocks of 200 points each, both players starting from scratch. The first block of the series will be played at the Elks Club, the second at the University Club, the third at the Elks Club, the fourth at the University Club and the last at the option of the players.

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## ODDS AND ENDS

## Drift in the Ether.

Professor Miller dealt a blow at the Einstein theory in an address before the National Academy of Sciences at Washington. After repeating for four years the Michelson-Morley experiments on which Einstein greatly relied, Professor Miller concludes that there actually is an ether "drift." Repeating the experiments in the same place he got the same results, but when he moved from Cleveland to Mount Wilson he found consistently a positive result of a drift of about ten kilometres a second. He suggests, therefore, that the ether "lag" increases with altitude, and that the value of the Michelson-Morley experiments as evidence for the Einstein theory disappears.—"Daily News."

## Meteors and Comets.

During the past few weeks no fewer than three new comets have been discovered. Of these, Comet Reid is now too far south to be observed in this country. As it is still approaching both the earth and the sun its brightness may be expected to increase, and it should be an interesting object for southern observers. Comet Orkisz is now a circumpolar object, and therefore is visible throughout the night. It is situated to the south of the constellation Cepheus, and is moving in a north-easterly direction towards Cassiopeia. It is of the seventh magnitude, and therefore readily visible in small telescope. Comet Schain, situated to the south of Leo, is too faint to be easily seen. It will probably remain visible to very powerful telescopes for two years, and its chief point of interest lies in the fact that when it makes its nearest approach to the sun next August its minimum distance will be greater than the minimum distance of any other known comet.—"Scotsman."

## A Horse Dynamometer.

A horse dynamometer has been built at the University of Saskatchewan, in Saskatchewan, by Professor E. A. Hardy, who was formerly with the Ames University, in the State of Iowa. The dynamometer is constructed from a motor truck, which can travel under its own power, but is made to represent an ordinary wagon. The team is hitched to a tongue, but the whipple-trees are hitched to a cable which pulls heavy concrete blocks, on which the weight of the horse is attached. The releasing of these blocks is through a hydraulic process by a water-pump worked by the hind wheel. The pulling of the tractive resistance named on the picture of 3,100 lbs. drawn for a distance of 27½ feet is equal to 82,860 lbs. on asphalt pavement, 40,343 lbs. on rock pavement, and equal to the wonderful figure of 323,400 lbs. on rails. In addition to being a splendid attraction, it is of such educational value that the Agriculture Department is able to prove which type of horse pulls the best, and hereafter will start breeding for that purpose. Authorities have stated that the horse dynamometer has proven as important to the horse industry as the Babcock cream tester is to the dairy. Einstein's Theory of Relativity.

In a letter which appeared in "Nature" of April 18, Professor Michelson and Dr. Gale describe the results of a crucial experiment on the generalised theory of relativity. According to Newton a motion of rotation differed from a motion of translation in that the latter could be defined only by reference to some point assumed to be fixed in space, whilst a rotation was absolute, and the behaviour of Foucault's pendulum was accordingly understood as demonstrating the absolute rotation of the earth. In the doctrine of generalised relativity, rotations are considered to be as purely relative as linear velocities, and the results of Foucault's experiment were otherwise interpreted. According to the doctrine, moreover, it would be as impossible to detect a rotation relatively to the other, as the famous Michelson-Morley experiment showed that it was to detect a translation through the ether. It is this doctrine of the relativity of rotations which has now been submitted to test by Professor Michelson and Dr. Gale, and they find that it is fully contradicted by experiment. The "rotational drift" through the ether does exist and the agreement between calculation and observation is excellent. Newton's conclusion is thus vindicated, but the "restricted" theory of relativity may still remain valid.—"Engineering."

Mr. S. K. Chen, until recently Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Shanghai, has been appointed Director of the Shanghai Telegraph Station and has accepted the appointment, according to the vernacular press.

## GIVE YOUR ENGINE A CHANCE.

## Start the Season Well Prepared.

The engine is a most important unit when you undertake the "spring clean" of your motor-cycle, and the cylinder or cylinders should most certainly be lifted and all traces of carbon removed from both piston and cylinder. This can best be done by gently chipping with a hammer and blunt crowdriver, finishing off very lightly with emery paper.

The piston rings, most fragile parts, should be gently taken from their groove, and the grooves thoroughly cleaned. Any worn rings should be replaced with new ones.

Both big and little end bearings should be tested. There should be no appreciable play and down play, though a slight sideways movement does not matter. If up and down movement is found in either bearing, the cylinder should not be replaced until repairs have been carried out, and this is a garage job.

Before replacing the cylinder it is as well to examine the bore; this should be smooth and brilliantly polished, if any way scored it points to defective gudgeon pin or housing. This should have immediate attention, or serious damage will result.

The valves should be dismantled, the stems thoroughly cleaned, and the valve seats and faces well ground in. The springs should be renewed if they appear to have lost their tension.

If the sparking plug has given a year's good running, a new one should be put in the engine and the used one relegated to the tool kit as a spare. A new lead should be fitted from the magnet to the plug and the terminals cleaned up and made neat and tidy.

The carburettor could be taken to pieces and thoroughly cleaned and new asbestos or thick brown paper joints fitted to the flanges. —H. Vernon Hunt in the People.

## DID YOU KNOW?

That the ability of many cars to start in severe gear as easily as cars used to start in "low" is due largely to improvements in clutches, and that in too many instances the convenience of starting in "second" is the expense of the clutch plates.

That when carrying one passenger on the rear seat he or she should sit on the left side directly behind the driver in order to minimise side sway when trying to keep the car out of the shoulder and up on the crown of the road?

That you should always dust off the windshield at the first sign of rain so that the windshield wiper will not have an abrasive with which to scratch the glass?

## A NUTSHELL DEFINITION.

Have we reached finality in carburetors? Almost it seems so, says "Carbon" in Motor Cycling, for it is long since anything new or revolutionary appeared on our horizon. Looking back one can remember legions of instruments which arrived with much heralded claims as to m.p.h. and m.p.g.—especially m.p.g. Where are they now? Most of them perished in their cradle; some went on for a time and then became orphans in the hands of their owners; and none has succeeded in shaking the supremacy of the makes that grew up with the movement.

Fortunately, the pioneer firms consistently kept themselves abreast with the times, and their products to-day are wonderful examples of efficiency combined with simplicity; but there are critics who contend that the best of them is scientifically crude.

I believe it was Professor Low who likened a modern carburetor to a bucket of petrol poured out at one end of a room and a match applied at the other.

## Shaw was Right.

Henry Ford was once showing George Bernard Shaw, the great playwright, over his extensive factory. Finally they stopped to permit a long line of "lizzies" to run into the shipping department under their own power.

"Henry," asked Shaw, "do you know what time it is?"

"Twelve-forty-two," replied Mr. Ford after consultation with the simple dollar-watch which is his constant companion. "It is not twelve-forty-two," replied Shaw with a twinkling in his eye, "and with that delightful Hibernian brogue of his, 'Shaw' indicated that Shaw was right."

## NOTICE.

## EMERGENCY DISPOSAL OF NIGHTSOIL.

In the event of a strike of nightsoil coolies the following information as to disposal of nightsoil when water closets are not available is issued to the Public.

- (1) In private gardens nightsoil can be disposed of by burying at a depth of two feet. Care should be taken to avoid polluting a catchment area and to avoid the lines of rainstorm sewers.
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- (3) Nightsoil may be dumped over sea walls except in Causeway Bay and the Harbour of Refuge.
- (4) In Happy Valley, owing to the absence of suitable manholes, nightsoil should be buried. With regard to areas available for the purpose enquiry should be made at the Eastern District Sanitary Office, Wanchai, Telephone No. Central 3218.

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## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Hongkong Stock Exchange is closed from this date and the June Settlement has been postponed until Tuesday, July 7th, 1925.

By Order of the Committee, A. NISSIM, Secretary, Hongkong, June 22, 1925.

## NOTICE

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

By permission of His Excellency the Governor, the Hongkong Stock Exchange postponed their Settlement for June 28th, to Tuesday, July 7th, 1925.

For Hongkong Stock Exchange, H. BIRKETT, Chairman, Hongkong, June 22, 1925.

## NOTICE

Subscribers of the China Mail not receiving their paper every evening owing to the uncertain delivery as the result of the strike are invited to notify this office if they would prefer to purchase their paper from the street newsboys direct and have the amount credited to their account.

There has been an increase of nearly 4,000 in the number of unemployed in the week ended May 11. In an announcement by the Ministry of Labour it was stated that on May 11 the number of persons on the list of the Unemployment Register was 134,900, as compared with 130,900 on May 4. The increase was due to the fact that the number of persons on the list of the Unemployment Register was 134,900, as compared with 130,900 on May 4. The increase was due to the fact that the number of persons on the list of the Unemployment Register was 134,900, as compared with 130,900 on May 4.

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